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BUILDING BOOMING.

**Reported One Man Will Erect
a Dozen Cottages.**

AT WORK ON 20 HOUSES

**Owners of Property at Last Awake to the
Fact that Big Rents Can Be Obtained—
Effort to Supply Strong Demand for
Buildings—Sidewalks Also Being Ex-
tended.**

There are at least twenty buildings in course of erection in Sumpter at present. Owners of lots seem to have awakened to the fact that there is a strong and growing demand for buildings here, at a high rental, and are doing their best to supply it.

There is a report on the street today that Contractor White has the job of erecting a dozen residences for one man. This rumor could not be verified today, however, as the contractor couldn't be found and the man who is alleged to have this profitable investment up his sleeve refused to proclaim the fact in public.

General Warren is having built on Centre street a house 18x40 feet, in which he and Mrs. Warren will reside temporarily and he will have his private office. Contractor W. H. Jones, of Spokane, is doing the work.

H. G. Wood is building on Mill street a two-story frame business house 25x50 feet. It will be for rent to the highest bidder.

A. P. Goss decided to have his bank block built by day labor and now has a large force of men at work thereon. It will cost about \$6,000.

J. G. Connell has about decided to build on the corner of Centre and Granite, considered to be the best corner in town, a two-story building, 30x60 feet. The ground floor will be used as a restaurant, and the second floor as bed rooms, to be run in connection with the Star hotel, of which Mr. Connell is proprietor. When this building is finished the dining room of the hotel will be used for some other purpose; perhaps the partition will be torn out and the office enlarged.

Attorneys Stott & Shelton are having an office building erected on Cracker street, adjoining the city hall. It is 16x20 feet in size, and Payne & Amos are the builders.

John Rohman, proprietor of the Columbia brewery, is making some additions to his plant, that business, like most every other in Sumpter, having about outgrown its former capacity.

On High street Contractors Summers & Thrapp are building a two-story residence 24x24 feet for J. F. Cupid, at a cost of \$800.

Contractors Stewart & Bradley, recent arrivals from La Grande, are erecting for Tom McEwen on North street a residence 30x34 feet, which will contain all modern improvements, electric lights, water, porcelain bath tubs, etc. The house is nearly finished. W. J. Davis is doing the painting, paper hanging and decorating.

On the corner of Hill and Mill streets, M. H. Allen is having built for himself one of the most conveniently arranged residences in Sumpter. It is to be 27x40 feet, of the Cleveland cottage type and

will cost \$1000. L. P. Ostlin is doing the work.

The hillsides are dotted with new buildings, in all stages of progress towards completion.

Property owners along the west side of Mill street, from Granite to the depot, are having constructed an eight-foot plank sidewalk. The money was raised by private subscription, the city government taking no hand in the business. A sidewalk of like specifications is being laid on the north side of Granite between Mill and Centre.

GOOD PEOPLE, THESE.

**One of the Clark Syndicate Buys a Mine
in the Sumpter District.**

Lee Long, of Spokane, one of the original owners of the well known Republic mine at Republic, Washington, and a direct associate of the Clark syndicate of mining men, whose names are synonymous with success, has been in Sumpter and this vicinity since the first of the week with George H. Linsley, former cashier of the Hoge, Daly & Co. bank of Anaconda, Montana.

They have secured the Summit property, which is on a parallel vein to the E. & E., and today exhibited several samples of splendid ore from their new purchase.

Mr. Long is on his way home now, greatly pleased with what he has seen here and will return here in two or three weeks, prepared to take up any reasonable mining proposition for himself and his associates offered in the district.

It is this class of live mining promoters who bring to the surface the vital truths of such a district as this is known to be; hence let them all come as fast and soon as they may and eventually will.

That Baker City Pamphlet.

THE MINER is in receipt of a letter from O. L. Miller, secretary of the Baker City chamber of commerce, explaining that the statement relative to the amount of potatoes raised in this county as published in the chamber's commercial report, a mention of which was made in the last issue of this paper, was merely a typographical error—which every one knows is liable to occur even in the best regulated print shops. Mr. Miller says that he made every possible effort to have Sumpter represented in the pamphlet, but that the citizens of this town refused to have anything to do with it. The book is being widely circulated and is already doing much good in advertising to the world the advantages and riches of the Baker City gold fields.

To Organize a Social Club.

The preliminary steps for the organization of a club of a social and business nature, such as is found in every live business town of this country, where its members can meet and enjoy its privacy, entertain their friends and those strangers, sightseers and others first coming to the town, is being contemplated here. THE MINER is asked to announce a meeting for that purpose on Friday evening of this week, at Ellis' opera house.

Reception for Sumpter Soldier Boys.

Fred Wooley and Alex Steadman, enlisted in Company F, First Idaho, and fought under the stars and stripes in the Philippines, have just returned to their homes in Sumpter. The mayor and city council have tendered them a public reception at Ellis opera house for Wednesday evening, October 4, which will wind up with a grand ball.

GOLCONDA AT FRISCO.

**Ore Opens the Eyes of Mining
Men to This Region.**

That carload of Golconda ore sent to San Francisco is attracting much attention there; is opening the eyes of that western mining center to the wonderful mineral wealth of Eastern Oregon. Here is what the Mining and Engineering Review of San Francisco has to say about the matter:

"A carload of ore from the Golconda mine, six miles southerly from Sumpter, Baker county, has just reached the Selby smelting works and another is ready for shipment. It is magnificent ore, much of it being so rich in free gold and tellurides as to seem almost fabulous in value. It was struck at the 200-foot level in the mine and is now twelve feet wide, all pay chute. The rich mine is the property of J. G. English and John T. English, father and son, who purchased the mine eighteen months ago and have operated with only indifferent success until the present strike was made. So rich is it that it runs thousands of dollars to the ton, some of it showing more gold than rock. It occurs in a slate and not far from a granite contact. On the mine there is a double compartment shaft fitted with steam hoist, and now 360 feet deep, and about 2000 feet of workings altogether.

"On the mine is a roller mill and bromine and chlorine plant, but this is not found satisfactory in working this rich ore and accordingly a ten-stamp mill will be erected, to be enlarged subsequently to forty stamps, for which there is room in the building.

"The Golconda mine is only one of the promising properties located on a mineral belt some 40 miles long by 20 miles wide running through Eastern Oregon. Eight new mills and a big cyanide plant are now being erected in the vicinity of Sumpter and Granite alone. The mills vary from 5 to 20 stamps, while the cyanide plant, which is going up on the Cougar mine near Granite, will have a capacity of 250 tons a day. Beside the Golconda, the North Pole, the E. & E., the Columbia and the Bunker Hill are getting mills.

"The Ibex mine, which was sold last fall for \$65,000, was recently sold again to eastern parties, this time for \$300,000. On this mine a fine chute of rich free milling ore has also been struck."

New Cafe Opens October 1.

Philip Arsenault, a new acquisition to the Sumpter business field, is remodeling the building next door north of the express office and Union Bargain store, intending to open therein a first-class restaurant, where he promises to furnish the public with everything possible in this line, in a way to warrant the patronage of the most fastidious. The new venture expects to open the doors for business by October 1.

John Gagen's Philanthropic Project.

John Gagen, who recently came to Sumpter to live, is, as his face plainly indicates, a philanthropist, a natural born lover of his fellow men; a kindlier physiognomy could not be found by traveling a thousand miles. The Indian problem is his specialty and on this subject he has expended much patient thought and research. Having lived for many years

near the Umatilla reservation, he has had exceptionally favorable opportunities for pursuing his favorite study. Know him to be an authority on the subject, a government official asked his opinion as to the best policy to be pursued with this tribe. He promptly gave it and all who are familiar with "Poor Lo's" nature will at once recognized its wisdom. His advice was to make the bucks, by fair means or foul, cultivate a large area of their rich lands; raise all kinds of vegetables, fruits, berries and fowls; employ experienced white cooks to prepare the food for the tribe, make the government's wards eat that and nothing else, and he will guarantee that there will not be a representative of the once great Umatillas above ground in six years—they will all be good Indians.

WORKING THESE MINES.

**Boston and Michigan Men Developing
Good Properties.**

H. S. McCallum, representative of eastern capitalists who recently succeeded in buying the Mammoth and Bald Mountain mines, is in Sumpter today and reports everything looking favorable at the mines.

The Mammoth is owned by people in Boston, who are having the properties developed as fast as possible. Three shifts are kept at work and the shaft is now down 150 feet, with entirely satisfactory indications.

The Bald Mountain is owned by Michigan men. There are over 900 feet of workings on this property and development work is being continued and pushed. As was stated in these columns last week, F. M. Davidson is now East buying machinery for this mine. The company will be incorporated at an early day; capitalized at \$1,000,000, at ten dollars a share. One-half the stock is placed in the treasury, all of it has already been sold and a working capital of \$100,000 provided.

Mr. McCallum expects to leave for the East in a few days to consult with his principals.

Changes in the Public School.

Prof. Saling has resigned the position of principal of the Sumpter schools, to take effect a week from next Saturday. He has accepted a position in the office of the county clerk at Heppner, Oregon, his home. Miss Anna A. Myers, who has been his assistant for two terms, succeeds to the position. Her place will be filled by Miss Charlotte Vanderburg, of Monmouth, Oregon, who comes very highly recommended. The school here has at present 131 pupils.

Hundred-Foot Tunnel on the Ornament.

Francis Clarno, an attorney of Portland, returned to Sumpter this week to let a new contract for 100 feet of tunnel work on the Ornament group of claims, on Boulder creek, near the Tempest mine, owned by Bennett Brothers. Former development work on this property has brought to light a fair grade of ore.

Engineers Surveying Additions.

Civil Engineer Worthington, of Spokane, arrived here the latter part of last week and began Saturday to survey the townsite syndicate's property here, preparatory to platting the same. Another crew of surveyors will be started to work tomorrow.

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